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CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF INTELLIGENCE

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT : Study of Agency Intelligence Support for Congress

1. The Center would like to undertake a study of Agency intelligence support for Congress if there is a general agreement in appropriate Agency circles that it would be useful to initiate such a project at this time. The attached outline describes the utility we see in the project and the major elements of this intelligence support process that we propose to study. We think it would be necessary to talk with some Congressional Staffers and probably with some members of Congress in order to make any such project worthwhile. This would be done in close coordination with the Legislative Counsel and the officers currently designated in the Agency as pegpoints for Congressional support. We believe that we could secure the services of a capable officer as a fellow at the Center to undertake the project.

2. I would greatly appreciate your reaction to this proposal and to the attached outline.

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Director, Center for the
Study of Intelligence

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Suggested Elements of a Study of Agency
Intelligence Support for Congress

- I. The study would seek to serve at least two purposes:
 - A. One would be educational: the study would aim at some structured, thoughtful and thorough material about past, present, and potential intelligence support relationships with Congress that could be circulated internally to our employees to improve their understanding of this particular process.
 1. To the extent that the study served this purpose, it would need to treat:
 - a. The history of the relationship and possible implications;
 - b. The legal authorities for our support and implications;
 - c. The nature of the varying attitudes in Congress about the Agency and the basis for these attitudes; and
 - d. How Congress presently uses intelligence support and how this use might change or expand in the future.

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B. Another audience would be management. In this context the study might:

1. Explore the implications for intelligence support of the various ways Congress might organize itself if it establishes new and changed procedures for dealing with the Agency;
2. Study the effectiveness with Congress of various types of intelligence support--written, verbal, current, estimative, deep research and special request;
3. Give particular consideration to the problem of ensuring protection of Agency sources and methods while communicating intelligence support more fully to Congress;
4. Consider the issue of coordination with other executive agencies, such as State and Defense, in the process of CIA intelligence support for Congress; and
5. Provide a study of some case histories in our intelligence support to Congress, seeking to pull out common threads, possible pitfalls, and difficulties.

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II. As indicated by the foregoing, the study would concentrate on the areas where CIA's relationship with Congress is in part dependent on the Agency's initiative--the service side, where it is up to the Agency to organize and develop its approach in the most effective way.

- A. We believe that some organized thinking about the support aspects of the subject might well be worthwhile, even before the present Congressional reviews are completed.
- B. The Agency management may also be responding before long to exploratory suggestions by certain Congressmen about how the new relationship, including support aspects might be usefully developed.
- C. The study would not attempt to deal with matters of Congressional review of Agency operations and budget.

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